

## Youthful Drivers

Table 34 shows the collisions involving youthful drivers. Youthful drivers are drivers ages 15 to 19. In 2004, more than one out of every four collisions involved a youthful driver. In 2004, youthful drivers were involved in 2.5 times as many crashes as you would expect them to be and were 2.8 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in a crash. In 2004, we found a problem with the age calculation in the Statewide Database. The ages were re-calculated and the data in this edition reflects the changes.

<b>Table 34</b> <b>Collisions Involving Youthful Drivers (15 to 19 Years Old): 2000-2004</b>							
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>Change 2003-2004</b>	<b>Avg. Change 2000-2003</b>
Total Collisions	8,175	7,586	7,720	7,368	7,408	0.5%	-3.3%
Fatalities	55	68	50	45	39	-13.3%	-4.3%
Serious Injuries	478	477	454	354	376	6.2%	-9.0%
Visible Injuries	1,821	1,601	1,709	1,478	1,258	-14.9%	-6.3%
Possible Injuries	2,545	2,360	2,658	2,498	2,479	-0.8%	-0.2%
Drivers 15-19 in Fatal & Serious Injury Collisions	444	405	408	328	335	2.1%	-9.2%
% of all Drivers in Fatal & Serious Injury Collisions	16.0%	16.1%	16.3%	14.3%	13.8%	-3.4%	-3.5%
Licensed Drivers 15-19	79,353	69,812	67,050	65,605	65,391	-0.3%	-6.0%
% of Total Licensed Drivers	8.9%	7.7%	7.4%	7.1%	6.9%	-2.8%	-7.1%
Driver Involvement Rate*	1.81	2.07	2.20	2.02	2.01	-0.6%	4.2%
Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	53	54	46	38	36	-5.3%	-10.1%
Impaired Teen Drivers in Fatal Crashes	10	14	8	10	8	-20.0%	7.4%
% of Youthful Drivers Involved in Fatal Crashes that were Impaired	17.0%	23.5%	17.4%	26.3%	22.2%	-15.6%	21.2%
<i>*The Driver Involvement Rate is the percent of drivers involved in fatal and serious injury collisions divided by percent of licensed drivers. Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.</i>							

In 2004, the economic cost of collisions involving youthful drivers was \$334.2 million dollars. This represents 20% of the total cost of collisions in 2004 (as shown in Table 4).